

**ABSOLUTE RATING:**      **Excellent**  
**IMPROVEMENT RATING:**      **Good**

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 13. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from good to excellent. For the improvement ratings, the range was from below average to excellent.

*(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)*

#### RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
<b>2001</b>	Excellent	Good
<b>2002</b>		
<b>2003</b>		
<b>2004</b>		

#### TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
• Passed all 3 subtests	75.6	86.2	80.9	81.8	85.8	86.6
• Passed 2 subtests	14.0	7.8	12.0	11.5	8.6	8.1
• Passed 1 subtest	6.8	5.0	5.1	4.7	3.9	3.5
• Passed no subtests	3.6	1.1	2.0	1.9	1.7	1.8

<b>ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS</b>	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships	37.9%	44.4%
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	39.0%	47.5%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	65.1%	63.0%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

#### PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Student Group	Seniors		
	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2001	Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships	Graduation Rate
<b>All students</b>	95.5%	37.9%	N/A until 2003
Students with disabilities other than speech	64.3%	0.0%	
Students without disabilities	97.1%	40.2%	
<b>Gender</b>			
Male	95.9%	40.0%	
Female	95.1%	35.8%	
<b>Ethnic Group</b>			
African American	87.5%	4.5%	
Hispanic	100.0%	66.7%	
White	96.1%	40.5%	
Other	100.0%	50.0%	
<b>Lunch Status</b>			
Free/reduced-price lunch	81.8%	0.0%	
Pay for lunch	96.2%	39.5%	

#### STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Mastering core competencies	40.8%
Completers placed	100.0%
Eligible students enrolled	52.2%

## SCHOOL PROFILE

### INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dollars spent per student	\$5,207	N/A	\$4,997	\$5,668
• Prime instructional time	92.0%	Down from 92.2%	91.7%	90.1%
• Student-teacher ratio	25.8 to 1	N/A	26.5 to 1	25.1 to 1
<b>STUDENTS (n=1,441)</b>				
• Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Program Exam Success Ratio	92.3%	N/A	80.2%	40.0%
• Attendance rate	96.1%	Down from 96.4%	96.4%	95.3%
• Retention rate	6.4%	Down from 8.4%	5.6%	10.0%
<b>TEACHERS (n=91)</b>				
• Professional Development days per teacher	5.0 Days	Down from 6.4	7.8 Days	7.5 Days
• Attendance rate	97.6%	Up from 96.5%	95.7%	95.7%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	64.8%	Down from 67.5%	65.2%	49.4%
• Continuing contract teachers	82.4%	Down from 89.2%	86.9%	81.0%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0.0%	No change	0.9%	3.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	91.8%	Down from 92.8%	87.2%	85.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$40,219	Up 3.7%	\$40,219	\$38,125

#### SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dropout rate	1.8%	Down from 1.9%	1.6%	2.9%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	54.8%	N/A	57.0%	56.4%
• Principal's years at the school	6.0	N/A	6.0	3.0
• Percent of parents attending conferences	39.8%	N/A	50.1%	60.1%
• Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	N/A	Excellent	Excellent
<b>STUDENTS</b>				
• Older than usual for grade	4.9%	Up from 4.8%	3.5%	10.1%
• Suspended or expelled	20	N/A	33	29
• Gifted and talented	15.3%	Down from 23.6%	14.5%	7.4%
• With disabilities other than speech	6.6%	Up from 5.3%	6.8%	10.7%
• Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	5.1%	N/A	0.0%	4.5%
• Enrollment in career and technology center courses	752	N/A	464	350
• Career students participating in work-based experiences	27.9%	N/A	27.9%	23.1%



## PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Fort Mill High School has a long-standing reputation for providing a relevant and quality education for all students. This tradition has continued during the 2000-2001 school year as we have prepared for the challenges associated with our population explosion. The unbridled growth in our school district is challenging but provides unique opportunities which we have seized for the benefit of our students. Some achievements include these:

- FMHS was named a "New American High School";
- FMHS continued as a SREB "High Schools That Work" site;
- SAT average score for college bound students was 1091;
- AP Calculus, Biology, and US History exam passing rate was 100%;
- BSAP passing rate was 99.2% for the class of 2001;
- 14 juniors were named as National Merit qualifiers;
- Seniors received almost 2 million dollars in scholarship money; and
- FMHS implemented Mastery Algebra I to reduce the failure rate.

With the 4x4 semester block schedule, students take eight courses per year. There are no study halls. All students take a course of study that is rigorous and relevant. Students also are able to participate in some of the 32 athletic programs, band, chorus/drama, and 27 other extra-curricular activities. Our student organizations raised over \$20,000 to help the needy in the community. Many of our students also participate in the School to Work program.

The strength of our teaching faculty remains the source of our success, with the majority of teachers holding Master's degrees or higher. Several teachers have won grants and six teachers have applied for National Board Certification. Twenty-seven teachers worked during the summer to align curriculum with the middle schools. Teachers have attended and presented at state and national conferences. They have also been on site visits to other schools to examine strategies that may benefit our students. FMHS teachers are instrumental in curriculum design and in planning for the implementation of new career and technology programs.

With the support of the community, school district, and School Improvement Council, Fort Mill High School strives to meet the challenges for the success of our students in all aspects of life.  
James A. Boyette

### EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	94.9	76.6	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	96.2	83.5	
Satisfied with home-school relations	93.5	88.9	

### DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

**Excellent** – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.  
**Good** – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.  
**Average** – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.  
**Below Average** – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.  
**Unsatisfactory** – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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**Grades** 9-12 High School

**Enrollment:** 1,441 Students

#### Principal

Mr. James A. Boyette 803-548-1900

#### Superintendent

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## THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School  
Report Card

**2001**

School Grade:  
Excellent



### South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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